

Shultz says no role for Habib in Syria

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said the U.S. will have to find someone to replace special Middle East envoy Philip Habib in future discussions with the Syrians because of their refusal to meet with him.

"As far as Ambassador Habib and Damascus are concerned," Shultz said, "they have stated that they don't want to receive him, so he won't go, and we will find other people who we hope will be acceptable to them and be able to carry on a discussion with them."

At a State Department news conference, the secretary made it clear that the administration is very anxious to maintain a high-level dialogue with the Syrians regarding a troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

Shultz said the U.S. is still in contact with the Syrians, noting that Washington and Damascus have exchanged diplomatic cables and that the U.S. ambassador in Syria has met with Syrian officials. "They

have said they are ready — and want to see — a dialogue with us," he said. "We feel the same way about it, and we hope that such will be arranged."

Shultz went on to insist that he has no plans to stop over in the Middle East on his way back to Washington from a forthcoming visit to the Far East.

His comments about Habib were rather surprising, since the special envoy received separate votes of confidence on Tuesday from both the White House and the State Department.

Well-placed diplomatic observers said Shultz's statement gave the appearance that the administration was giving in to Syrian "blackmail" as far as Habib is concerned.

The secretary refused to take a firm stance on a possible Israeli redeployment in southern Lebanon, insisting only that the overall U.S. objective is to see all foreign forces removed from Lebanon. He noted that the administration had been in close contact in recent days with both Israeli and Lebanese officials on these matters.

In response to a question, Shultz also praised Saudi Arabia as having played a "very constructive" role behind the scenes in trying to encourage the Syrians to cooperate in the troop withdrawal arrangements. Shultz continued to express confidence that the accord will eventually succeed.

He said the Palestinian question has to be resolved, because it is "at the heart" of the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We do have to pay attention, not just to us, but the PLO and everybody, to the legitimate rights and aspirations of these human beings and see if we can't do better by them," he said.

Begin to meet Reagan twice in three days

Jerusalem Post Staff

The official part of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington will last three days, from July 27 to 29 and two appointments with U.S. President Ronald Reagan have already been scheduled.

Political sources in Jerusalem said last night that the talks between the two leaders would deal with the possible redeployment of the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon and the need to revive the peace process and to resume the autonomy talks.

IDF heritage exhibit to open next month

TEL AVIV. — An exhibition of the Israel Defence Forces' heritage, which had been planned and then cancelled, is on again. It will be held at the fair grounds here from July 7 to the end of the month, a military source said yesterday.

The exhibition had been a source of controversy. After dropping plans to hold a military parade on Independence Day, Prime Minister

Hijacked Libyan plane bound for Beirut

ROME (AP). — A hijacked Libyan-chartered jetliner took off from Rome last night, reportedly bound for Beirut.

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Syrian saves IDF soldier by the vest

Post Defence Reporter

A Syrian soldier saved an Israel Defence Forces soldier's skin, the Army's *Bamahaneh* magazine reported, by signalling him to put on his vest.

The Syrian, looking at the Israeli lines through binoculars, saw a convoy of high ranking IDF officials approaching a front line position, and noticed that an IDF soldier at the post was missing an article of

dress uniform — his bullet proof vest, the magazine reported in its latest edition.

The Syrian, apparently aware that the heavy jacket is part of full dress uniform, began signalling to the Israeli, pointing at the vest and motioning him to put on his vest.

The Israeli complied, warned his colleagues of the impending visitors' arrival, and was able to receive the senior officers in full, immaculate dress.



Hunger-striking doctors at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital listen yesterday to the radio broadcast of the Knesset debate on their strike. The placard on the wall to the right reads: "Canaanite slaves had rights. Doctors in Israel still don't." (IPPA)

Border policeman killed, 3 IDF men hurt in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A border policeman was killed and three IDF soldiers were wounded on Tuesday night when their patrol came under attack near the village of Arab Salim, four kilometres northeast of Nabatiya, in Lebanon.

The dead man was Samal Rishon Avraham Oved, 31, of Haifa. He was hurt yesterday in the Haifa military cemetery.

One of the injured soldiers was operated on by army doctors in the field for a bullet wound in the stomach before being taken by helicopter to the Rambam hospital in Haifa. The other two soldiers,

who were slightly wounded, were also taken back to Israel.

The spot where the attack took place is on the road leading to Arab Salim village, near the Zaharani River. The terrorists, apparently two in number, hid behind rocks overlooking the road and opened up with light arms fire on the patrol. IDF forces closed off the area and began a search.

It was the fourth attack or attempted attack by terrorists on the IDF in this area in recent weeks. In one incident, a car bomb exploded near an IDF base. In another, IDF sappers dismantled a mine planted on the road.

The village of Arab Salim was known for its high concentration of terrorists before the Lebanon war.

In an incident yesterday, an IDF tank went over a mine near the Lebanese village of Amik. There were no injuries, and damage was slight.

Navy head: extend territorial waters

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Navy commander Aluf Ze'ev Almog believes that Israel must immediately extend its territorial waters to keep enemy missile boats at a safe distance.

In an interview with the Israel Defence Forces weekly *Bamahaneh*, Almog said Israel's coast is within range of enemy vessels sailing in international waters. The country's territorial waters extend only six miles from the coast, and the law should be amended to keep enemy vessels further away, he advised.

Modern ship-borne missiles have a range of over 100 kilometres, and could be used to bombard targets far inland, said the commander.

An extension of territorial waters "will relieve us of the need to try to get ships sailing near our coasts to move out," Almog said.

Almog, who was interviewed on the occasion of Navy Day, said Israel's missile boats have been equipped with Vulcan Phalanx cannons. The cannons have radar and computers which calculate the range, height and course of approaching enemy missiles, then figure the right moment for opening a burst of fire to destroy them.

The next step will be to equip the boats with anti-missile missiles, such as were used in the Falklands campaign, Almog said.

Doctors talks intensified Last-minute attempt to avert catastrophe

By MARGERY GREENFELD
and AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

With the country's health services in a state of total collapse, talks were continuing late last night in a Jerusalem hotel. Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan said the negotiations with the striking doctors had reached "a turning point," but details of progress were shrouded in secrecy.

Earlier, Prime Minister Menachem Begin met in the Knesset with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor on the crisis, after an unofficial delegation of doctors from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital had called on the prime minister.

The Knesset yesterday rejected a Rakah-Communist motion of no-confidence in the government for its handling of the medical crisis, in one of the most acrimonious debates the house has ever known.

The Alignment voted against the government, after the coalition executive refused to accept its demand for arbitration to end the emergency. (Story, page 3)

Appearing on television last night, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said that if the doctors do not accept the current offer, the government would move to ensure a minimum health services. "Asked whether this meant drafting the doctors into the IDF, he replied in the negative. "It just means setting up several hospitals as emergency hospitals."

After three Israel Medical Association representatives met for over three hours with the employers yesterday afternoon at the Health Ministry office in Jerusalem, a complete media blackout was imposed on the second meeting, scheduled for last night at 9 at an undisclosed location.

The afternoon session concentrated on reviewing the figures

worked out by the Treasury during the morning, after the doctors demanded additions to the new proposal presented to them on Tuesday night by the employers.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak asserted last night that the new proposal "exceeds the collective wage agreement (that is, a 22-per-cent wage increase)," and that this represents a "breakthrough."

Speaking on Israel Television's interview programme *Moked*, Shostak said that such proposals have "never been made to the doctors before."

According to the new offer, a specialist's basic salary would increase from IS14,980 to IS28,000, while that of a department head would climb from IS26,963 to IS49,435. These figures do not include overtime pay for night shifts and standby duty, he pointed out.

The proposal, worked out by the Health Ministry and reluctantly ac-

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Medical services near total collapse

By MARGERY GREENFELD
with Staff Reports

With more than half of the nation's hospital doctors fasting yesterday — some for as many as nine days — and hospitals throughout the country either closed or in the process of closing, the Israeli medical system is "in a state of total collapse."

This was the assessment last night of several hospital directors, all of whom expressed the "deepest concern" for the fate of the sick and wounded for whom, within the next

day or two, there will "simply be no place to go."

"It is hard to say right now if we are standing on the red line or if that line has already been passed," one of them said.

More than 30 hospital directors gathered yesterday in Health Minister Eliezer Shostak's office to report on the situation, exchange information, and discuss various ways of handling what was described as a "state of emergency."

Also present for the first time at a meeting of this nature was the Israel Defence Forces' chief medical of-

ficer Tat-Aluf Dr. Moshe Revah, who was invited by Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan. Rumours that a mobilization of IDF doctors is being planned have been vigorously denied by ministry officials and the IDF spokesman. Revah was invited to participate on the basis that he is charged with the health of the country's soldiers and should be apprised first-hand of the situation in the medical system, the IDF spokesman said.

While the hospital directors came to Jerusalem expressly to report to

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KGB finances largest Greek daily

By LEE STOKES
Special to The Jerusalem Post

ATHENS. — An international investigation released to the press yesterday says that Greece's largest circulation (and purportedly pro-government) daily, *Ethnos*, is financed by and operates in cooperation with the disinformation department (Foreign operations) of the KGB.

The report, which has been corroborated by western diplomatic sources, U.S. State Department bul-

letins and other documentary evidence, also reveals for the first time that Soviet diplomat Evgeni Chistiakov, a press attache in his country's Athens embassy until July 1980, was a senior KGB and GRU (Military Intelligence) official.

It said that Chistiakov, whose expulsion was kept a secret by the previous conservative administration, had been caught red-handed while engaging in espionage activities against the NATO department of Greek Naval headquarters,

and was, in fact, the main link between *Ethnos* publisher George Bobolias and the KGB in Moscow.

In the framework of its anti-U.S. and anti-West line, the paper paid particular attention to discrediting Israeli policies, actions and even domestic politics. This would not only include highlighting the more negative aspects of Israel's involvement in the Middle East crisis, but the covering up of dialogue within

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Former Rumanian defence minister Ion Koman and a delegation of the Rumanian Communist party, in Israel to attend the Mappan convention, yesterday visited the Knesset. Knesset Speaker Menahem Begin welcomed them while they were sitting in the visitors' gallery, and they later met with Mappan Knesset members.

Jacob Aano, Chairman of the Committee on Culture and Education of the Council of Europe, was a luncheon guest of Knesset Speaker Menahem Begin, at the Knesset. Also present were MKs Sarah Doron, Ronnie Milo, Shlomo Hillel, Uri Sebag.

The Mary and Charles D. Satinover Chair in Property Law was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in a ceremony on Mount Scopus, chaired by university president Don Patinkin. Representing the Satinovers was Louis Fiedler of Chicago. Prof. Joshua Weisman, dean of the Faculty of Law, gave the inaugural lecture.

The Technion yesterday dedicated its Meyer Davis Agricultural Engineering Centre in the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering.

The Technion's annual Harvey Prize was awarded yesterday to Prof. Robert Aumann, a Hebrew University mathematician, and to Prof. Philip Leder, head of Harvard Medical School's genetics department. The campus ceremony was attended by Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman.

Former president Yitzhak Navon has accepted the appointment of head of the Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, which was offered him by Education and Culture Minister Ze'evul Hammer.

S. African receives Israel Goldstein prize

Fritz David Frank of Johannesburg, last night was awarded the Dr. Israel Goldstein Prize of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, in a ceremony hosted by President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi.

The award ceremony was chaired by Keren Hayesod world chairman Abraham Avihai. Participants included Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Keren Hayesod chairman, and Mendel Kaplan, president of the Israel United Appeal of South Africa and chairman of Keren Hayesod's world board of trustees. The prize was presented by Phil Granovsky of Canada, the board's founding chairman.

In his remarks, Herzog described Frank as a man "superbly dedicated in the job of strengthening the Jewish state."

The Goldstein prize is given annually to a Diaspora leader in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Appeal's activities.

13 killed in Tripoli

TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Thirteen people died after savage factional fighting broke out in the slums of Tripoli yesterday, and anti-Syrian Muslim fundamentalists killed a rival Lebanese group's leader.

Security sources said some 300 men of the Al-Tawhid Al-Islami militia attacked the Abu Bilal Moslem group, killing Abu Bilal. Seven others died in that clash, 20 were wounded and some Bilal followers were captured.

The corpses of five people were later found riddled with bullets in an orchard, among them two of Bilal's brothers.

Factional fighting, occurring mainly among rundown tenements above the city centre, has taken more than 50 lives in recent days.

HOME NEWS

Coalition backs latest pay proposals for MDs

Post Economic Reporter

The employers' new proposal to end the doctors strike yesterday received the endorsement of the coalition executive. The executive called the proposal "fair," and urged the doctors to go back to work.

The executive met yesterday with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Health Minister Eliezer Shustak to hear details about the new proposal and about possible ways to solve the conflict.

The executive session followed a series of meetings within the cabinet and the coalition about the doctors' crisis.

In the Knesset early in the afternoon, Aridor met Prime Minister Menachem Begin for the second time this week. Although no details of the meeting were made public, Knesset observers speculated that Begin and Aridor tried to hammer out a new formula to keep the negotiations from breaking down.

The executive meeting followed one by the coalition faction at the Knesset, during which voices calling for agreed arbitration were heard.

The foremost supporter of this solution was MK Menachem Porush

(Agudat Yisrael), chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee. His committee had previously decided unanimously to call upon the parties to accept such a move.

Porush was supported by MK Abraham Melamed (National Religious Party), who said that prestige considerations should be left aside and that arbitration should be adopted.

Aridor has made it clear on several occasions that he would regard the adoption of such a solution as a sign of no-confidence, and that it would lead to his resignation.

Although Begin was not present at the meeting, he sent a message stating that only the cabinet can decide whether to approve arbitration.

After much loud debate, the faction decided to accept Begin's proposal that Aridor and Shustak meet the executive. The finance minister for his part showed clear signs of irritation on his arrival for the executive meeting, because it constituted what he considered intervention in his handling of the doctors' conflict.

Galilee towns may shut down

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Acre Mayor Eli De Castro yesterday called a meeting of all western Galilee municipalities and regional councils to call for a strike in response to the closing of Nahariya hospital. De Castro said it is impossible to stand idly by while the population is left without medical services.

In the Jezreel Valley and Beit Shean areas, local council beads met in emergency session at the Afula hospital to express their concern over the situation. They decided to send telegrams to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Ram Ishai, calling on them to bring the doctors' hunger strike to an end.

In Jerusalem, several dozen medical students are holding a vigil outside the prime minister's residence, in support of the doctors' demands.

In Haifa's Rambam hospital, where only wounded soldiers are being admitted, one patient sent home yesterday was 20-year-old Yossi Klein, who is suffering from a chronic intestinal complaint. He was told by doctors that there were not enough physicians to staff the ward, and they did not have time to evaluate his condition.

Dr. Eli Liberty, a junior orthopedic surgeon who has been on hunger strike since Sunday said that he felt very weak and dizzy. "I can no longer be responsible for carrying out complicated surgery. I cannot take that risk of putting patients' lives in danger," he said.

MEDICAL SERVICES

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Shostak, the health minister attended the meeting for less than 10 minutes. He arrived from a stormy session of the coalition leadership at the Knesset, looking harassed and angry, and returned to the Knesset within minutes.

Modan, entered in, Shostak's stead, taking time out from the negotiations with the doctors that were being held in an adjacent room.

More than 2,500 doctors have joined the hunger strike, according to figures gathered. Several hospitals, including Rambam (Haifa), Safad, Hadassah Mt. Scopus (Jerusalem) and Soroka (Beer Sheva), have already announced that they are to all intents and purposes closed, except for life and death cases. Several more hospitals are due to make similar announcements today.

"At the beginning of the hunger strike, we could transfer patients to other hospitals that were still functioning. Now the list of possibilities has shrunk to almost none," one worried hospital director said.

The neo-natal intensive care units at Nahariya and Hadassah Mt. Scopus face severe problems, and several of the 14 premature babies at Nahariya are scheduled to be transferred to hospitals in Nazareth today.

The effects of the fast are beginning to tell, as doctors throughout the country collapsed yesterday and required intravenous infusions.

Following is a summary of the situation in the hospitals:

JERUSALEM:

Hadassah Ein Kerem
Emergency room (ER) — accepting only most urgent cases. Pediatric and gynecological — all fasting. By tomorrow, have to close some wards. Releasing patients.

Hadassah Mt. Scopus

Not accepting new patients; patients being released. Hospital is closed; essential wards can't function (surgery, orthopedic closed). Problem at neo-natal intensive care — full to 100% capacity (13). Can't admit any more. Delivery room — closed. Atmosphere tense and difficult.

Bikur Holim

All wards open — ER accepting selectively, but number of patients has dropped drastically.

Shaare Zedek

All wards open, but full to over 100% capacity. Receiving patients from other hospitals; no plans to close any wards for time being.

TEL AVIV:

Ichilov

Endocrinology and dermatology wards closed. Decisions on further closures to be made today.

Rokach

No departments closed yet; decision to be made today.

Rokach Maternity

No departments closed yet.

TEL HASHOMER:

Sheba

Anesthesiology and surgery depts. closed; oecology will close today. All other depts. working on limited basis.

TZRIFFIN:

Assaf Harofeh

Depts. closed; orthopedics; oec surgery ward; one internal med. ward; ear, nose and throat; car-

diology. Scheduled to close today: another internal medicine ward, pediatrics. All other wards on limited manpower.

WOLSON:

One internal medicine and one surgery ward closed. Considering closing three more wards today.

PETAH TIKVA:

Beltissou

No departments closed yesterday, but the following will close today: surgery, neurosurgery, kidney transplant, urology, ophthalmology and two internal medicine wards.

HASHARON

No wards closed yet, but several, whose entire staff are fasting, could close any minute. Includes: anesthesiology, surgery, pediatrics, internal medicine.

KFAR SAVA:

Meir

Only one doctor in ER, who is also dealing with internal, orthopedic and surgical problems.

REHOVOT:

Kaplan

Seven departments closed, including ear, nose and throat, two surgical wards, eye ward, children's ward, urology and gynecological. ER in women's ward.

HADERA:

Hillel Yaffe

Only urgent cases being admitted. Seven depts. closed: ophthalmology, neurology, urology, orthopedics, hematology, surgery and internal medicine. Gynecology ward to close today. Maternity ward to remain in operation.

HAIFA:

Rambam

Closed to civilian patients from 10 a.m. yesterday. Only soldiers and life-and-death cases being treated. All scheduled operations cancelled.

Rothschild

No wards closed yet, but it "is just a matter of time!" Public urged not to come to ER.

Carmel

Hospital due to shut down today to new admissions. Wards closed: two surgery wards, neurology, ear, nose and throat, and pediatrics.

SAFAD:

Rebecca Steif

Not admitting civilians. Only 30 patients out of 300 remain in hospital.

AFULA:

Valley medical centre

Admitting only wounded soldiers. Two general surgery wards, X-ray and anesthesiology closed yesterday. Neonatology ward open, but premature babies due to be transferred to Nazareth today.

NAHARIYA:

Government Hospital

Hospital will close tomorrow. Only emergency cases being admitted. Urology, hematology, oec surgery and one internal medicine ward closed yesterday.

EILAT:

Josephthal

Not accepting new patients.

BEERSHEBA:

Soroka

Nine wards closed — 350 patients remain. Delivery ward closed.

ASHKELON:

Bardai

ER — not functioning. Eight wards closed. One out of 15 pediatricians working.

LAST-MINUTE

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Accepted on Monday by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, is based on linking the doctor's wage scale to that of lawyers in the public sector. But the doctors charged on Tuesday night that the Treasury was trying to achieve a rise in their basic salaries by incorporating payments that are considered additional in the current wage structure.

"For the past three hours we have been trying to prevent the loss of the additional payments and their transfer to our basic salaries," one of the IMA negotiators, Dr. Ze'ev Rothstein, said yesterday evening.

Based on its calculations, the Treasury said that the doctors' demands are 15 to 20 per cent higher than the sum offered to them on Tuesday at Kfar Hamaccabiah. The Treasury offer amounted to an average of 30 per cent, with larger rises proposed for young, low-salaried doctors and a much lower rise for senior doctors.

Treasury officials said that the employers' proposal comprises six points, three dealing with wage scales and three with working hours, overtime pay, and the time period over which any new gains would be spread.

The talks now centre on the first three points, only one of which, linking the doctors' pay to that of lawyers, has been accepted in principle by the IMA.

The officials said that the doctors' reaction to the new proposal is a cause for "serious concern" in the Treasury. "Even without addressing the issues of overtime pay and reduced work week, the doctors' demands are already way over the limits we have set," they said.

The Treasury yesterday refused to release any exact figures on the cost of the doctors' counter-proposals, fearing that this would only add "fuel to the fire" in other sectors that are known to be anxiously awaiting the outcome of the doctors' strike before pressing their own wage demands.

The doctors were being "hypocritical" when they charged the Treasury with trying to trick them by presenting an old wage proposal in a new wrapping, the Treasury said. "All we did was translate into figures the proposal worked out by the Health Ministry and accepted by the finance minister," one official said.

In his television interview Shostak said: "I can't understand why the Histadrut and Kupat Holim don't take part in the negotiations. Their behaviour has been bizarre. I asked Kupat Holim chairwoman Prof. Haim Doron to join the negotiations early on, but he refused. They will pay for this in the end."

"We'll all feel the ill effects of this strike for a long time — although so far no one has died as a direct result of the strike," he said.

Strike over appointment ends at Geha hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nurses' strike at the Geha Psychiatric Hospital ended yesterday after the nurses received an order from the Histadrut's Kupat Holim employees association to return to work.

The nursing staff began sanctions on Sunday in protest against the appointment of Ahmed Abu Sheikh as the hospital's new director of nursing services. They claimed there were irregularities in the procedure by which the position was filled.

It has now been decided that the matter will be appealed to the Histadrut auditing committee. Haim Baranes, head of the Kupat Holim employees association, said that anyone who gets the job by the proper procedures will have the full backing of his association.

Syria denies involvement in PLO in-fighting

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Both Syria and the PLO rebels appeared to step back from the brink yesterday when they categorically denied any Syrian involvement in the Fatah group dispute and reiterated their commitment to a unified Palestinian movement under the continued leadership of Yasser Arafat.

Arafat on Tuesday accused Syria of aiding rebel forces, which claimed to have overrun eight important Fatah bases in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, seizing effective control of the main Beirut-Damascus highway.

Syria's official *Al-Baath* newspaper yesterday denied the charge, however, noting that "the vain attempts to involve Syria's name in the inter-Palestinian conflicts cannot convince anyone — first because Syria realizes that such an

involvement does not serve the Palestinian revolution, and second, because had Syria wanted to interfere, these conflicts would have taken different forms and dimensions."

The paper went on to note that Syria favours a solution through "democratic dialogue" between Arafat loyalists and dissidents in Fatah.

The conciliatory tone was echoed yesterday by the leader of the dissident officers, Col. Sa'id Musa (Abu Musa).

"There is no need for more fighting," Musa was quoted as saying.

Musa made it plain, however, that he and his fellow dissidents have no intention of standing down on their central demands for a collective leadership committed to armed struggle in place of Arafat's authoritarian, diplomacy-oriented rule. But he made it equally plain that the dissidents are not trying to

oust Arafat as head of Fatah and the PLO.

Arafat, meanwhile, continued to consolidate himself in what is emerging as his new base in Lebanon, the northern port of Tripoli.

Beirut radio stations said that Arafat is bringing in many of the 5,000 men evacuated to various Arab countries in an apparent bid to build up his position in Tripoli should he remain determined to confront the rebel officers head on. He was quoted yesterday as saying that he was confident he would ride out the challenge posed by the dissidents, but noted that he was aware "it is not going to be a picnic."

Syria's denial that it is supporting the rebels will undoubtedly have heartened Arafat, as there is little chance that the dissident officers will be able to seriously challenge Arafat's position without the explicit backing of Damascus.

West Bank concerned by PLO rebellion

Hussein may be winner in Fatah fight

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

East Jerusalem's Arabic newspapers have over the past few days reflected increasing concern about the rift in PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization.

And as evidence of Syrian and Libyan involvement in the fighting mounts, and with it the threat that much of the PLO could come under tighter Syrian control, people in the West Bank are beginning to speculate that in the end, Jordan's King Hussein could come out the real winner.

"If the PLO splits with much of Fatah under Syrian control and Arafat stuck in Tripoli, if he is lucky, there would be nowhere else to go but to Hussein," said one newspaper editor last night.

The despair over the fighting in the Bekaa even had one usually radical Palestinian privately expressing the hope that Arafat would

decide to recognize Israel and deal with the U.S.

Earlier this week, another newspaper editor remarked bitterly that "more Palestinians have died at the hands of the Arabs than have been killed by Israel." The idea of Syrian domination of the Palestinian cause has caused deep resentment among West Bankers, he said. While there was some sympathy for the anti-Arafat rebels in the early stages of the struggle, Syrian involvement and the use of force have brought most people solidly behind Arafat and the idea of Palestinian unity he still seems to symbolize.

If Syria continues to back the rebels and actively engages the Fatah forces loyal to Arafat, this will, in effect, help Israel and push the Palestinians back towards Hussein, according to the common wisdom in East Jerusalem this week. The rebels, if they break away, will

be regarded as a fringe group like that of the Syrian/Iraqi surrogate Abu Nidal.

Yesterday's editorial in the generally pro-Jordanian daily *Al-Kuds* called for Palestinian unity and an end to the blood-letting. "Today, a year (after the siege of Beirut), after the legendary stand of Palestinian fighters, we bear news of a different siege, where brother confronts brother, and brother sheds brother's blood," the paper said.

Al-Sha'ab, an ardently pro-PLO paper, talked of the "stifling protective cocoon of the Arab patrons." *Al-Fajr*, another pro-PLO daily, called for an "open dialogue to resolve the internal differences."

"This is the only way Palestinians can get their views across, for there are many people who fish in troubled waters, and they must not be allowed to wreck our unity," said *Al-Fajr*.

Hebron mayor complains about fence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, has complained to Defence Minister Moshe Arens that a barbed wire fence put up by the army has split the town in two.

The fence was erected 10 days ago after a home-made hand grenade was thrown towards Beit Romano, in the original Jewish quarter of the town. No one was injured by the grenade, but the army erected the fence, closing off the bus station, which is next to Beit Romano, according to Natshe.

Five of the founders and leaders of the renewed Jewish settlement in Hebron have been on strike in the local military government compound to demand Natshe's dismissal.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger and advocate Elyakim Ha'etzi, among others, have been striking inside a military base for the past five days. They claim that Natshe is the "local PLO agent," and therefore responsible for the anti-Jewish violence in the town. They claim that the hand grenade incident was the latest example of such violence.

Sharon sues 'Time' for \$50 million

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former defence minister Ariel Sharon yesterday took his legal battle against *Time* magazine to the U.S. District Court in New York, filing a \$50 million libel suit.

Sharon, who earlier had pressed his case in Israeli courts, charged that the magazine last February published a "false and defamatory" report claiming that a secret annex to the Kahane Commission report on the Sabra and Shatila massacre had said that Sbaroo urged the Phalangists to take revenge for Bashir Jemayel's assassination.

In its February 21 edition, *Time* said the secret section of the Kahane report contained "further details about Sharon's visit to the Jemayel family on the day after Bashir Jemayel's assassination. Sharon reportedly told the Jemayels that

the Israeli Army would be moving into West Beirut and that he expected the Christian forces to go into the Palestinian refugee camps. Sharon also reportedly discussed with the Jemayels the need for the Phalangists to take revenge for the assassination of Bashir, but the details of the conversation are not known."

In his suit, Sharon denied that the secret section of the Kahane report contained any such allegations. He also denied that he ever made any such statements to the Jemayel family.

Technion board approves deficit budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The annual meeting of the Technion international board of governors concluded last night with the approval of a deficit budget for the next school year. The budget, prepared according to the universities grants committee's guidelines, provides for a deficit of over IS391 million.

The board stressed that if the government does not increase its allocations to the Technion, it will be unable to carry out its obligation to train the engineers needed by the economy.

The 300 board members and observers also asked the administration to prepare a plan for the government to increase the number of graduates to narrow the expected gap between required trained manpower and

Begin clashes with Agency donors

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unprecedented rift between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Diaspora funders developed yesterday, as Diaspora members of the Jewish Agency board of governors rejected two Herut representatives for the post of immigration department chairman.

Sources close to Begin said that the board members had apparently been motivated by antipathy to Herut and not by objective reasons when they refused to allow either Raphael Kotlowitz or Eli Tavin to head the department. Earlier this week, the Diaspora members of the board vetoed the continuing service of Kotlowitz, a close party colleague of Begin. Kotlowitz, who has been chairman of the immigration department for 5½ years, was rejected on the grounds that he was "unable to communicate" with Diaspora communities.

When Herut proposed Tavin, now head of the department for education in the Diaspora, for the

immigration post, board members vetoed him as well. The revolt was led by Jerrold Hoffberger, the chairman-elect of the board who is due to take office on Friday. Max Fisher, the outgoing chairman, did not oppose Tavin for the aliya job.

Sources close to Begin said that Hoffberger's decision to exercise the Diaspora board members' right of veto was a sign of future trouble between the premier and Hoffberger, a Baltimore millionaire who has for several years headed the agency's Project Renewal committee.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency executive chairman Arye Dulzin again failed to announce the distribution of a number of chairmanships that have been left empty for six months, since the Zionist Congress. He had announced that the task of filling them would be completed by yesterday afternoon, and that the executive would meet at 5 p.m.

The Labour Zionist movement reacted to the veto by Diaspora board members with a demand that

the "game start all over again," and that the portfolios that it had agreed to fill with Labour Party men be "opened up," along with all the other portfolios.

A meeting of all the Zionist parties in Dulzin's coalition will be held at 2 p.m. today to find a way out of the impasse.

Dulzin last night hosted a dinner in honour of Max Fisher in the hall of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue to mark Fisher's contributions to the agency during 13 years as board chairman.

The sources denied a radio report that Begin had decided to "boycott" the closing meeting of the Agency assembly this evening at the Knesset. "He is dissatisfied with the decision of the Diaspora representatives," said the source, "but there is no truth that the premier will stay away to express his displeasure."

Begin "may or may not" speak at the closing session, said the sources, depending on whether he has other pressing matters at hand tonight.

Police move protesters' furniture from Premier's sidewalk

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem police took steps yesterday to lessen the sometimes circus-like atmosphere on the "demonstration sidewalk" outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Rehavia house.

With five separate groups of demonstrators on the sidewalk — each group has tables, chairs, mattresses, and blankets along with placards — the police decided to "return the sidewalk to its owners, the pedestrians."

The most well-equipped group, was from the Herut Party. It had a dozen chairs, two tables, four mattresses, a cot and several cartons of food, all brought from Herut headquarters and put on the sidewalk.

The anti-war group, which has been on the sidewalk around the clock for 50 days, had two chairs and a small table used as a resting place

for signing petitions.

Two hunger-striking medical students had mattresses and some blankets, while a woman who is protesting the use of the words fascism and nazism in inter-Jewish debate came with her own chair.

The police yesterday morning gave the demonstrating groups an hour to clear the sidewalk of their chattels. Rav-Pakad Eitan Katz, in charge of the patrol division, brought a dozen officers to remove the various political placards from the police barricades set up around the groups.

At the appointed hour, the only group that had still not moved anything from the sidewalk was the Herut Party, and when the police started writing down the particulars of the five demonstrators they quickly cleared the sidewalk — putting all their equipment into the

rose garden of the Guatemalan Embassy, which has been vacant since the Jerusalem Law was passed in 1980.

The police said they would need a complaint from the Guatemalans, who have moved to Tel Aviv, before they could act against the Herut Party demonstrators, who would then be charged with trespassing.

Two of the rival groups demonstrating outside the Prime Minister's residence, joined by the Civil Rights Association, went to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, and obtained a show-cause order against the police.

The groups complained that the police have been taking down demonstrators' names and addresses, in what they argue is an unnecessary infringement on the freedom of expression. Justice Miriam Ben-Porat gave the police 15 days to explain why it should not desist.



Police remove protesters' placards from barricades outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home yesterday.

Former LA Times man here dies in Central America clash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Los Angeles Times correspondent Dial Torgerson, who for four years, until January 1981, was his newspaper's Israel correspondent, was killed on Tuesday in a guerrilla ambush along the Honduras-Nicaragua border. A second journalist, Richard Cross of U.S. News and World Report, was killed in the same attack.

They were the first correspondents to die on either side of the border since fighting erupted between right-wing infiltrators and the Nicaraguan army last February.

The 55-year-old Torgerson, who was acting as his paper's bureau chief in Latin America when he was killed, was a popular figure in the foreign press and diplomatic community in Jerusalem.

Foreign Press Association vice-president Robert Slater said yesterday that "those of us who knew him and worked with him are terribly saddened. He was a very good



Dial Torgerson

friend. We respected him as a friend and as a professional."

The FPA is planning a memorial meeting in Jerusalem next week.

Torgerson leaves two children, a son, 19, and a daughter, 16. His widow is the Latin America correspondent for The Wall Street Journal.

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

House erupts over doctors' strike

A discussion of the doctors' strike provided the background yesterday for one of the rowdiest Knesset sessions in the last few years, and the speaker had to declare a recess to calm the atmosphere.

The rumpus erupted during the reply of Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to a Communist no-confidence motion presented by Meir Wilner, and based on "the medical services and the doctors' demands."

At the close of the debate, the motion was defeated by a vote of 61-50, along coalition-opposition lines.

Wilner said that the government alone must bear responsibility for the suffering of patients and doctors alike. He charged the government with indifference and inflexibility, and said these were motivated by the wish to break the traditions and the public health service.

Shostak was not concerned with Wilner's remarks; he was incensed over the Alignment's reversal of its previously announced intention of abstaining on the no-confidence motion.

He said that if the Histadrut had hearkened to his plea a few weeks ago — to recognize the doctors' claims as an exception to the 22 percent framework agreement — that could have helped greatly. Instead, the Histadrut had chosen to sit on the fence, and look on as others struggled with the problem.

Even at this point, there were murmurs from the Alignment that Shostak should not try to blame the Histadrut for the government's failure.

Shostak went on to charge the Alignment with hypocrisy on the doctors' strike and with hypocrisy for its intention to support the no-confidence motion. "Your hands have shed this blood, and now you will raise your hands for no-confidence!"

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres jumped up. "What kind of talk is that!" he protested. "Withdraw that remark! The dispute has lasted 3½ months. You are minister of health. You don't talk to the minister of finance. And now you say such a thing to us!"

When Shostak said he had

nothing to retract, Peres retorted: "You should have resigned long ago. Repeat what you've said cabinet meetings. Repeat that Aridor is guilty."

Yossi Sarid (Alignment) got into the act. "If he (Shostak) doesn't retract, I say that he's a bag of nothing. A bag of nothing."

Speaker Menachem Savidor called on Sarid to withdraw that remark.

Peres: "No, first the minister of health must retract."

Sarid: "I won't retract, and I say again that he is a ministerial cipher."

Shostak: "And you are a loathsome abomination. Loathed by everyone who lives in Israel. A loathsome abomination."

Sarid: "And you are execrably revolting."

Savidor: "If that is the tenor of the debate, I shall have to recess the session."

Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shalun, rose to explain the faction's reversal. True, on Monday the faction decided to give the prime minister a chance to get Shostak and Aridor to compromise, he said, and to wait until the negotiations ended.

Shostak: "Nu? So why don't you wait?"

Shalun continued: "But this morning, after we learned that the doctors said that both they and the prime minister had been fooled, we decided to submit a no-confidence motion of our own. But the speaker rejected that (because of the recess that 48 hours later elapsed)."

Ronnie Milo, deputy chairman of the coalition executive, "Shalun told me categorically that the Alignment would abstain. He has knowingly lied to the Knesset."

At this point, Savidor announced a 10-minute recess. It was then 11:41 a.m., but only at 12:24 was the House reconvened. The delay was caused by the attempt of coalition and Alignment leaders to reach an agreement, but the coalition would not accept the Alignment's price for abstaining: that it consent to agreed arbitration of the doctors' demands.

Savidor called on Shostak, Sarid, and Milo to withdraw their epithets, and they did so. The speaker said that the unparliamentary language

used had evoked his anxiety and concern as to the future of the Knesset.

Shostak then concluded his speech practically without interruption. He said that radio reports yesterday morning about the doctors having been fooled did not reflect what took place in the negotiating room between 4 p.m. on Tuesday and 2 a.m. yesterday.

The talks took a new turn, and they should be given a chance, Shostak said. The negotiations were defused, and "there is no longer indifference."

Shostak called on the doctors to end their hunger strike — it would be futile to ask them to end the strike itself — since the whole purpose of the hunger strike was to get the talks going again.

There is already agreement on the doctors' "basic demand," Shostak said, that their status be laid down. That status would be set forth in a wage scale, in accordance with a professional grading in keeping with the doctor's position. The argument is over the details, he said.

Aharon Harel (Alignment) said that since all else has failed, resort should be had to agreed arbitration. If Shostak announced the government's agreement to that, then the Alignment would not support the no-confidence motion. But if he did not, perhaps that would mean that the government is not really interested in settling the strike, after all, he said.

Pinhas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals) said that the doctors long since "crossed the red line." The measures taken by the doctors did not meet the criteria of Jewish or universal ethics. There is a limit even to a justified strike, and that limit was crossed with the publication of findings that during the first three months of the strike, deaths rose by 12 per cent, and in internal medicine and geriatric wards by 19.3 per cent, he said.

Menachem Porush, chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, speaking in his own name, called on the doctors to return to the negotiating table "without a strike," and on the government to consent to agreed arbitration on the points in dispute.

Satmar rebbe gives out \$3m. to institutions, needy

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Satmar Rebbe reportedly distributed a total of about \$3 million to schools, institutions and individuals who called on him to request financial assistance.

Emissaries from the rebbe circulated last night in the *haredi* quarters of Jerusalem and Bnei Brak with scores of cheques destined for persons who had requested financial help.

The distribution of aid came on the eve of the conclusion of the rebbe's two-week visit to Israel. He is to depart today for Vienna, where he will spend the sabbath with Satmar hassidim resident there.

One of the rebbe's emissaries said last night that he is personally dis-

tributing 50 cheques, each for \$500. The cheques were all signed in Hebrew and English by the rebbe. Eda Haredit circles estimated that a total of \$500,000 is being distributed to private individuals who had requested assistance for weddings, operations or other purposes.

"The cheques are distributed with dignity," said the emissary. "They are in addressed envelopes, and we must go to each house personally to deliver."

The rebbe himself last night distributed cheques, reportedly totalling \$2,500,000 to schools and other institutions affiliated with the anti-Zionist Eda Haredit.

A large crowd is expected to see the rebbe off from Jerusalem late this morning.

Police raid gambling club in north Tel Aviv, arrest 18

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — "Watch out! Police!" shouted the lookout of the illegal card-playing club on Rehov Yona Hanavi in north Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening. The 21 men inside scrambled to their feet, stuffing cards and banknotes into their pockets in an attempt to hide them.

But most of them were too late. Eighteen were arrested, and a total of IS160,000, \$8,320, DM400 and 180 Jordanian dinars was confiscated by police.

Two surveillance teams of the central police unit's vice squad were watching the well-known club in an attic on the peaceful residential street at about 8 p.m. Several recent attempts to raid the club, which is protected by a steel door with a peephole, failed because the guard always managed to warn the players in time.

Plainclothes policemen could not enter the club in the guise of players, because the guard knew every member personally and refused to allow in any strangers.

On Tuesday, with one detective hiding behind the massive door to the attic, a surveillance team waited in the building while another team watched the game in progress from the window of a nearby building. At

one point, the detective posted outside the door received a sign that one of the players was about to leave the room.

As soon as the door swung open, the detective burst inside, just as the guard screamed "police". Three players managed to escape, while 18 were caught. The club owner, aged 33, who is familiar to the police, turned himself in immediately.

His assistant, who was also arrested, formerly ran a similar club in the Hatikva quarter.

Police said yesterday that the Yona Hanavi club has been operating for years, and despite a number of successful raids in past years, resulting in the seizure of large amounts of money, it always reopened and resumed operations as usual.

LIBRARY. — A new library to serve the Ein Ha'chelet suburb of Netanya was dedicated at the WIZO family centre, in the presence of Mayor Reuven Kleiger, Micky Ramon (deputy chairman of World WIZO's youth clubs department), and representatives of the West Glasgow WIZO chapter which sponsored the project.

Mapam convention fateful for Alignment

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. — The fate of the Alignment will be decided in the next three days as the Mapam convention opens tonight. The delegates will have to choose between proposals to stay in the Alignment with Labour or to replace it with a far looser "alliance."

On the eve of the convention, the balance of power between the two camps is said to be nearly even, and party insiders are wary of predicting which way the vote will go. Unless a compromise is worked out, the decision could be determined by an extremely narrow majority.

The convention officially opens

tonight, but the actual deliberations will be held tomorrow and on Saturday. The convention will meet at the Tel Aviv cinema here.

Most of the party leaders, including all four secretaries (Victor Shemtov, Chaike Grossman, Gad Yatav and Binyamin Yas'ur) support terminating the Alignment with Labour as it now stands. This is also the position of five of the seven party MKs.

The leaders propose that the Alignment be replaced by an alliance, which would mean separate Knesset factions for the two parties. The parties would deliberate on issues separately, reach their own decisions, and cast their Knesset

votes as they see fit. As things are now, the anti-Alignment groups in Mapam argue, their party is constantly a small minority in the large Alignment and is always outvoted on issues of contention. It can express its own positions in the Knesset only when it violates Alignment faction discipline, something Mapam has been doing increasingly in the past year.

But the two parties, according to the plan, would have the option of contesting the next Knesset elections separately or in a single socialist front, which would be set up only for the duration of the campaign.

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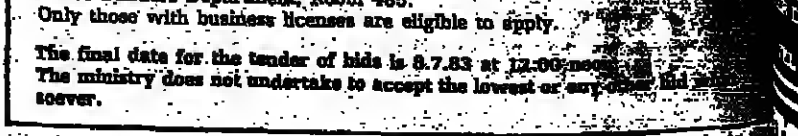
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LISBON (AP). — Portugal yesterday devalued its currency, the escudo, 12 per cent against all major trading currencies.

Banking sources said the decision, taken to cut Portugal's massive bills for food and energy imports, would boost the country's exports by lowering their prices on world markets. This is the second large devaluation this year. Until now the Portuguese currency has been devalued one per cent each month.

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Indifferent market performance

EL AVIV. — The equity market's indifferent performance yesterday as similar to that of the past two days. The General Share Index was down 0.06%, while the Tel Aviv 100 was up 0.06%.

Service and trade, industrials and issues all traded somewhat lower, but other sectors were able to show small gains. The small turnover of 15687 million continued to be proof of the general public's absence from the market.

Sharply losing shares outpaced winners by more than two-to-one. Along the way 52 securities fell more than 5% while only 24 showed gains of similar size. In addition, nine securities were "sellers only," while five popped up on the buyers' only list.

A quick check of some of the commercial banks yesterday indicated that there was little activity in the various securities departments. The atmosphere is generally relaxed, as dealers have plenty of time to speculate about when times will change for the better. Some dealers are suggesting that the market could stage an advance if the Treasury cancelled the Peace Dividend. The 2% levy is seen as an important factor when sale is considered. In a rising market the 2% are almost insignificant, but in the current slow market, there is little doubt that the levy is being carefully taken into account before investors make a decision.

The index-linked bond market seemed to do little more than mark time. Prices were mainly unchanged and the turnover of just over 15107m, indicated that index-linked bonds are not in vogue.

The pace of devaluation of the shekel quickened somewhat, as the local currency was devalued by 24 percent against the dollar.

The Maritime Bank shares continued to do badly in an otherwise generally advancing commercial bank group. The 0.1 shares were down by 1%, while the 0.5 shares were unchanged in spite of selling pressures. The 1% was down by 1.3%, as selling pressures on the shares were easing, not 5.0, in spite of a demand for early IS3m, nominal value traded unchanged. The shares of the First International Bank were up by one point.

Mortgage bank shares were most unchanged, with the excep-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

tion of Adanim and Independence Mortgage. The former was 6.8% higher, while the latter was a 5% winner.

Specialized financial institutions, on balance, were somewhat higher. Cold Leasing 0.5 was nearly 7% higher, while Shilton slipped by 6.5%.

Insurance issues performed indifferently, with small price movements. Zinn Holdings 1.0 was the only casualty, as its shares fell by just over 6%.

Service and trade issues provided a measure of volatility, but prices generally eased. Cold Storage 0.1 continued to behave poorly, as it lost a full 10%. Galei Zohar slipped in with a 5% gain. The Cold Bonded group was under selling pressure. The 0.1 shares were "sellers only," while the 0.5 stock was 5.9% lower. The option was clobbered for an 11% loss.

Land development, real estate

and citrus plantation shares wound up the session on the sunny side, with small gains throughout. HLB Investments 0.1 maintained its recent winning posture as it was up by 2.1%. The Luminar shares were ahead by some 3% on the average. Newly issued Amnonim was two points lower, but the option came under selling pressure and was clipped for a loss of nearly 13%.

Industrials generally trended lower. Atlas, the Ashdod manufacturer, saw its shares go south by 8.5%. The option was "sellers only." Finally, the buying pressures on the Alliance shares evaporated. A small offer, however, had no effect on their price.

There were some winners as well. Dafron 1.0 picked up a 10% gain. Nechushtan 0.5, however, was down by 10%.

Investment company stocks traded somewhat higher. Unico and Elgar were the beneficiaries of 10% gains. Wolfson 0.1, however, was felled for a 10% loss. Clal Trade was heavily traded and picked up 10%. The two Clal Trade options followed suit and advanced by similar margins. Sahar Holdings 1.0 was 10% lower, while Piryon was down 6.6%.

Payment problems in Iraq, Nigeria and Libya

FRANKFURT (Reuters). — Iraq, Nigeria and Libya are all finding it increasingly difficult to pay for construction work already started in their countries, a major West German building firm reported this week.

Hermann Becker, chief executive of Philipp Holzmann, West Germany's biggest construction company, said Iraq now owed his com-

pany 35 to 40 million marks (\$13.7m. to \$15.7m.) for work already completed on a canal and a power station.

Nigeria was 115m. marks (\$45m.) in arrears and Libya about 30m. marks (\$11.8m.).

The three countries, which are all members of OPEC, have effectively ordered a halt on new construction orders, Becker added.

IS30m. Koestler estate

LONDON (AP). — Arthur Koestler and his wife, Cynthia, who committed suicide together in March, left more than £400,000 (\$529,900,000) to advance the study of psychic phenomena, according to their wills published this week.

The wills, published in London Probate Court, said the bulk of their estate should be used to establish a chair of parapsychology at a British university. They did not specify which one.

Issue fully taken up

TEL AVIV. — The \$25 million in floating rate notes recently issued on the Eurodollar market by a consortium led by Bank Leumi, has been fully taken up. The notes, for five years, will bear interest of one quarter of one per cent above the London Interbank rate. Interest will be 10% per cent during the first six months.

NORTH DOME. — The Qatar

General Petroleum Company this week signed a protocol of understanding with British Petroleum and the Compagnie Française des Pétroles to carry out a four to six billion dollar gas gathering project in the North Dome region. The companies were each offered 7.5% of the shares in the liquefied natural gas project.

\$40M. TURBINES. — General

Electric has signed a \$40 million contract to supply Saudi Arabia with six gas turbines to boost the pressure of gas collected from several gas-oil separation plants in the Marjan oil field and pipe it ashore. The Marjan field is approximately 100 km. off Saudi Arabia's coast.

BRUSH FIRES. — The Haifa fire

brigade is urging the public and factory owners to clear shrubs and weeds from around their homes to reduce the risk of brush fires. The winter rains have caused a proliferation of plants, and as a result, firemen are now dealing with up to 20 brush fires a day throughout the region, said a brigade spokesman.

GRAIN. — The U.S. and the Soviet

Union began a new round of talks in Moscow yesterday to explore prospects for a new long-term grain agreement.

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Arbitration only way out

MEDICAL catastrophe is no longer a hyperbole. It is what the country is just now experiencing. With increasing numbers of hospital doctors going on hunger strike, and many of them physically collapsing in the process, wards are closing down, and even entire hospitals. Those hospitals that are still open advise people who may seek admission to stay away, except in the most dire emergencies. The spectre of avoidable death haunts Israel.

Faced with such an unprecedented national crisis, it might perhaps have been expected that the parties to the dispute between the doctors and the government would stop dragging their feet and hasten to cut the Gordian knot they have so assiduously woven over a period of many months. But the prospects of this happening are not very pleasing.

The Minister of Finance, Yoram Aridor, holding the Histadrut's impetuous sick fund as his hostage, is still clenching his fist. Eliezer Shostak, the Minister of Health, speaking in the Knesset, is blaming the opposition — that is, the Histadrut — for not forcing his colleague's fist open. And the doctors high-handedly insist on a deal that would, after setting off a spiral of wage demands throughout the economy, leave them just where they were in the first place.

With all parties concerned blithely playing a game of brinkmanship while patients suffer and, perhaps, die, it is clear that the only way out lies in agreed arbitration. Once arbitration is agreed upon the doctors' strike would end.

Arbitration, compulsory if need be, in labour disputes is an old Revisionist-Herut article of faith. Two years ago it was written into the policy guidelines of the second Likud government under Prime Minister Menachem Begin. "The government will strive to improve labour relations and to reduce disputes affecting the economy, including legislation for state-judicial arbitration in essential services."

Like several other undertakings made by the new government at the time this one, too, has not been made good. The promised bill for arbitration in labour disputes in essential services has never been submitted to the Knesset. But the commitment to the idea of arbitration presumably remains intact. Thus it could readily be applied to the present dispute in the essential service known as medicine, provided only the doctors are willing to go along. The doctors are reported to be willing.

So, indeed, is the Histadrut — meaning, politically, the Labour Alignment — despite its opposition, as a matter of principle, to compulsory arbitration. A considerable part of the coalition Knesset faction also favours arbitration. The only stumbling block appears to be the government. The government, says Dr. Yosef Burg, the Interior Minister, cannot allow some outside body to commit it to the expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

But in that case, should not the government officially renounce one of its policy guidelines? So long as it does not do so, the government cannot deny the compelling logic of agreed arbitration in the doctors' dispute.

Arafat under fire

THE SIMMERING revolt within Fatah against the leadership of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat took a dramatic turn earlier this week. For the first time since the revolt broke out, on May 7, Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon are reported to have intervened massively on the side of the insurgent officers. Committing both troops and tanks to the fray, Damascus enabled the anti-Arafat forces to take over eight important loyalist bases in the Bekaa and to seize effective control of the main Beirut-Damascus highway.

The Fatah rebels are seeking to wean their movement away from the diplomacy-oriented policies associated with Arafat to an outright commitment to armed struggle as the sole means of realizing Palestinian national aspirations.

Until this week, however, the rebels appeared to be relatively isolated, with only Libya — and the Libyan-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmed Jibril — clearly supporting them. The Syrians, and the two major pro-Syrian groups within the PLO — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatma's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — while plainly in sympathy with the dissidents, stood on the sidelines. They sought to bring about a truce that would leave Arafat in command while forcing him to accept a more militant line.

All that now seems to have changed. Evidently surprised by the degree of support the rebels appear to enjoy within Fatah, Damascus may now have come down openly on the side of the Fatah rebels.

This is a move that could have a crucial bearing on the future of the PLO. For if Damascus has indeed now chosen to do openly what it has been trying covertly to do for some years now — replace the increasingly independent and increasingly "moderate" Arafat with someone more amenable to its bidding — then the stage could be set for a breakup of the PLO.

Assuming he still manages to retain the allegiance of a large portion of Fatah, Arafat might continue to press for a Palestinian state to be achieved largely through diplomatic pressure and negotiation. But the significant anti-Arafat minority inside Fatah, welded into a pro-Syrian (and pro-Soviet) coalition with the PFLP, the DFLP and other radical groups making up the PLO, would constitute a formidable rival for the political loyalty of the Palestinians.

The best that Arafat can hope for is that, as the Syrians planned originally, he would be left in a position of leadership while forced to endorse the rebel programme.

In Jerusalem, either eventuality would be welcomed as a beneficial outcome of Operation Peace for Galilee. True, the PLO could not be extirpated as a terrorist organization. But the danger that a unified PLO under Arafat's unchallenged command might be treated as a legitimate partner in the search for a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem would effectively vanish.

MAPAM AND LABOUR — TWO VIEWS

Family benefits

By DAVID TWERSKY

TODAY Mapam convenes to determine, among other things, the future of its alignment with the Labour party.

It has become fashionable among pundits of both the left and the right to advocate an end to the 15-year-old relationship. They maintain that the alignment has not led to full unity, like the former arrangement between Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda, now both submerged within the Labour Party.

The Alignment did not prevent the rise of the right to power, or the decline in the general fortunes of the workers' movement; furthermore, it contributes to the lack of a clear-cut voice in the larger party, and to a diminishing of the leftist-dovish voice within Mapam.

There are those in Labour's right wing and those in Mapam's left who sincerely believe that a split will lead to both greater clarity and to a larger total share of the votes.

In fact, the only published poll on the subject indicated only a marginal gain in the total vote, and a studied indifference on the part of most voters to the whole question.

Actually, what separates Labour from Mapam is largely the burden of history. There are current differences in tone, pitch, slant, emphasis; but there are only minor differences on paper when one compares resolutions and positions.

Mapam, like Labour, opposes a third-state solution, preferring some kind of West Bank-Jordanian link-up. Labour, like Mapam, opposes the annexation of the heavily populated areas in the territories as completely contradictory to the Jewish and democratic characteristics of Israeli society. Labour's social democrats agree with Mapam's democratic socialists that the basic building blocks of a non-statist Israeli socialism are in place, and that they must be defended from the assault against them. How the Histadrut, Hevrat

Ovdim and the Kibbutz movements are to advance from their base to the next level is a useful and legitimate debate, but hardly one which justifies a separate approach to the voters.

It is, of course, foreign policy which excites the greatest amount of passion and which generates the heat around the differences which do exist. Labour was inclined towards going along with the initial 40-kilometre stage of last summer's war in Lebanon; Mapam was not. But just as Labour had Yossi Sarid, Mapam had Imri Ron — the substantive policy distinctions, such as they are, cut through both parties rather than between them. And Labour has now unanimously adopted a two-stage unilateral withdrawal scheme that Mapam would have difficulty outflanking from the left.

Mapam may have a higher tolerance for terms like "Palestinian self-determination" and "socialism" — but when one translates these into policy stands, and, more to the point, into issues one can articulate to the voting public and not only to a group of intellectuals, one wonders what all the fuss is about.

One might admit to the idealism, and unfortunate, logic in a proposal to re-align both Mapam and Labour around more dovish and more hawkish magnetic poles. But will a movement like Mapam, Kibbutz Artzi, which remains so centralist as to refuse a member kibbutz the right to an autonomous decision on where to put its children to sleep, countenance a large number of member kibbutzim gravitating to the Labour pole? Furthermore, those within Labour who are more inclined towards the Mapam majority in foreign affairs

are not necessarily Mapam's partners on social and economic policy. This may be confusing, but a simple minded response is both inadequate and impolitic. Would Abba Eban go with Mapam? Would Yisrael Galili stay in Labour?

THERE is a general labour movement consensus. Within its space, there are those who, while rejecting an Israeli return to the old 1967 borders, are primarily inflamed by the *de facto* annexation of the territories. And there are those who, while absolutely opposed to the brutalities and warped priorities in the territories, focus their primary political energies on making sure that Israel will not be forced back to what it believes are indefensible and therefore bad-for-peace borders. The emerging consensus between these two groups, in evidence at (Labour's) United Kibbutz Movement meeting in April, should show the way.

Instead, Mapam left-wingers and Labour right-wingers continue to see in each other their worst enemies. In part this is understandable: "you only hurt the one you love." Of the right, neither had any expectations. They could only really disappoint each other. But while psychologically explicable, a split would be far from politically healing. It might be rather closer to suicide. One example is fixed in my mind: when the United Kibbutz Movement voted 58 per cent to 42 per cent in favour of "extending Israeli law to the Golan Heights," Mapam friends said, "how could we ever join a kibbutz movement like that?" But a simple exercise in political mathematics revealed that with Kibbutz Artzi inside an expanded United Kibbutz Movement, there would have been an overwhelming majority against the Golan law!

As has been repeatedly pointed out, there is a dovish plurality

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among Labour MKs; this group needs to be joined and not undermined by a split. The election dynamics of separate lists will force Mapam to attack its once and future Labour ally relentlessly, only to join a Labour-led coalition (assuming there is one) at the end of the road. Those who argue that a smaller but independent Mapam will have more say in a future Labour coalition ("look at Aguda, with four seats they get so much") miss the main point. Aguda can sit astride "the centre" so long as foreign policy and defence and economic policy are the major issues, precisely because it has a Labour-option in addition to its Likud option. (The NRP, having forgotten the logic of this, is now trying to regain its Labour option.) Mapam has no other option — except to willy-nilly bring down a Labour

government and allow the Likud to finish its work. Surely, such an irresponsible move would never carry in Mapam. Rakah will play the role of the never-satisfied ultra-left which will both attack and defend a Labour regime; we do not need another in that role. Mapam cannot afford itself the luxury of that posture.

Israel needs a labour party based around a pragmatic, peace-seeking foreign policy and a humane and responsible economic and social programme. In such a party, there is room for democratic socialists and for social democrats, for both Mapam doves and Labour hawks: for Yair Zaban and Gad Ya'acobi, for Imri Ron and Yossi Sarid.

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Changing the map

By DANNY SHAPIRO

FINALLY, the war itself has created deep divisions within the Alignment. After the first few days of fighting, when it became clear that the government had no intention of stopping after 45 km., Mapam found itself uncomfortably isolated in its opposition to the expansion of the campaign. The Labour Party maintained a consistently ambiguous stance throughout the war, for it feared the political results of clear-cut opposition. This has caused widespread disillusionment within Mapam, and it may be the straw that breaks the Alignment's back.

Those who propose to break up the Alignment will marshal some powerful arguments at the approaching Congress. Disappointment with Labour, and Mapam's inability to pursue its most basic goals within the constraints of the Alignment, are the most important. Opponents of the Alignment feel that over the years Mapam has lost a great deal of its independent identity, and that its image has been tainted by its association with the Labour Party.

There is also an important current in Mapam that believes Israel needs an independent voice to expound a socialist and dovish position. If it is to attain its goals in, for instance, the Knesset and the Histadrut, and even more with the public, Mapam cannot be weighed down by the baggage of the Alignment.

OPPONENTS of an independent Mapam (those who want to maintain the Alignment) point to Sheli as an example of the dangers awaiting an independent left-wing party in Israel. Opponents of the Alignment quickly respond that Sheli was a mélange of doves like Matti Peled and Uri Avnery, Socialist-Zionists with deep roots in the Labour movement such as Lova Elav and Ran Cohen, and Black Panthers such as Sa'adia Marciano. Sheli discovered quickly that a small

ideological party cannot afford such heterogeneity, and it quickly fell apart under the strain.

On this score, Mapam has much less to worry about. It has a small but firm organizational, demographic and financial base in the Kibbutz Artzi federation. And it is much more homogenous and ideologically coherent than Sheli.

Electoral, too, a breaking-up of the Alignment may have definite advantages, particularly if Mapam's major concern is (as it should be) the replacing of the Likud government as opposed to maintaining or increasing its own electoral strength. It is no secret that there is a significant number of voters dissatisfied with the Likud but hesitant to vote for an Alignment that includes Mapam and such figures as

Yossi Sarid and Shulamit Aloni. The formation of an independent Mapam, which in turn would very likely cause the exodus of Sarid, the left wing of Labour, and Shulamit Aloni and her Citizen's Rights Movement, will enable the Labour Party to compete more successfully for centre and centre-right voters, and cut into the Likud's support.

Furthermore, an alternative left-dovish coalition with Mapam at its centre could attract many former Sheli voters, and cut into Rakah's support, especially within the Arab sector.

All these factors, combined with the shocks of the last few years, may finally bring about the disbandment of the Alignment and with it a significant change in the Israeli political map.

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READERS' LETTERS

DOCTORS' SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — If anyone deserves more money, it is doctors, nurses and teachers.

As to the "profession" earning high fees — good luck to them if people are prepared to pay them. In my experience, many (not all) of them, having reached the peak of their professions, are too big for their boots; they have, en route, lost a good deal of their humanity, they

have stopped reading the latest medical information, and many of them treat their patients with a kind of silent contempt.

However, the young doctors deserve every penny they are demanding. Let the government stop importing some of the *nouveaux riches* and pay doctors, nurses and teachers what they deserve. UNA WEILER Jerusalem.

DISGUSTING PERFORMANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is with disgust that I read about and observe on TV the antics of the "doctors" at Soroka Hospital. The political move of voluntary starvation, to death if need be, is a tacit repudiation of the Hippocratic oath.

Maybe these medically qualified persons — I hesitate to call them doctors — think that all the honourable profession should descend to the level of common politics. Have they forgotten that they are free to resign if they are dissatisfied with their terms of ser-

vice, rather than hold their patients to ransom?

Better by far for them to produce a cogent argument to advance their cause to the population rather than play with our health and their own. DR. DORON Kibbutz Gat.

Ministry of Education and Culture
Youth Division

National Conference of Youth Workers

In cooperation with the National Local Authorities Centre, the Youth Division of the Ministry of Education and Culture is holding a second National Conference of Youth Workers, on Thursday, July 14, 1983. The subject will be:

Work with Drop-Out Youth by Local Authority Personnel

Mr. Zevulun Hammer, Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Eliezer Shmueli, Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Pinhas Ellion, Chairman of the Local Authorities Centre, and the heads of local authorities will be taking part.

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